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Cook Inlet Risk Assessment Project Releases Draft Spill Baseline and Accident Causality Study for Review & Comment

Cook Inlet Risk Assessment contractor The Glosten Associates, in collaboration with Environmental Research Consulting, have prepared a draft Spill Baseline and Causality Study Report for the Cook Inlet Maritime Risk Assessment Project (CIRA). The study builds from the Vessel Traffic Study that was completed in February 2012. The intent of the Spill Baseline and Causality Study is to:

- Estimate the spill frequency, and project spill size distribution, by vessel type
- Develop an oil spill baseline over the 10-year study period based on projected movements of oil and the estimated average spill rate
- Characterize spills from high-risk accidents, and
- Provide accident scenarios based on the five most dominant accident types

The results of the report will be presented to the Cook Inlet Risk Assessment Advisory Panel and Management Team at their April 23rd meeting in Anchorage, Alaska. The Advisory Panel, Management Team and public are encouraged to review and provide comments to the Facilitation Team using the form linked on the CIRA website, or via email to cira.comments@nukaresearch.com, by April 27th. The draft report and comment form are available on the Cook Inlet Risk Assessment project website: <http://www.cookinletriskassessment.com>.

Cook Inlet RCAC is the Federally-mandated citizens' organization, formed under the Federal Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA90). Its Mission is to represent the citizens of Cook Inlet in promoting environmentally safe marine transportation and oil facility operations in Cook Inlet. We engage in environmental research and monitoring, and oil spill prevention and contingency planning. For more information about this announcement, or the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council and its programs, contact:

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